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- 1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS PREPARED IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR SPAIN, WHO IS UP COUNTRY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS UNTIL EVENING JUNE 30.
- 2. IF WE ARE TO INFORM NYERERE OF THE NATURE OF OUR APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICANS, HE IS CERTAIN TO BE STRUCK BY FACT THAT WESTERN FIVE DID NOT REALLY TRY OUT FRONT LINE-SWAPO DEMAND THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP PRESENCE BE CONFIDENTIAL

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WITHDRAWN SOUTH OF WINDHOEK, BUT WENT INSTEAD DIRECTLY TO GROOTFONTEIN PLAN. THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS EVIDENCE OF BAD FAITH ON PART OF WESTERN FIVE.

3. TO AVOID THIS, PERHAPS FIVE SHOULD BE FUZZY AS TO WHAT IT PROPOSED ON THIS POINT. WE RECOMMEND TALKING POINTS DWELL INSTEAD ON FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERN-

MENT POSITION ON TROOP PRESENCE WAS SIMPLY AND FIRMLY THAT ANY FURTHER CONCESSION ON THIS ISSUE INVOLVED ALTERATION OF WESTERN PROPOSAL, OPENING WAY TO REQUESTS FOR CHANGES FROM OTHER SIDE. THIS RESPONSE IN TURN HAD PROVOKED DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWING TO GROOTFONTEIN ONLY, WHICH SAG LIKEWISE REJECTED FOR SAME REASONS (I.E., CONCESSIONS REQUIRE COUNTERCONCESSIONS).

- 4. WE SHOULD GO ON TO SAY THAT IT IS FIVE'S CONSIDERED VIEW THAT THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD THAT SAG WOULD AGREE TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS SOUTH OF WINDHOEK, EVEN IN RESPONSE TO COUNTERCONCESSIONS FROM SWAPO. ON OTHER HAND, FIVE IS PREPARED TO PRESS SAG FURTHER ON GROOTFONTEIN IDEA. TALKING POINTS COULD THEN CONTINUE ALONG LINES CONTAINED PARA 2 USUN NEW YORK 02723.
- 5. MOST OF OTHER WESTERN FIVE COM'S ALSO OUT OF TOWN, BUT CANADIAN HICOM SHARES ABOVE VIEWS. SPAIN

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